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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Harold R. Blomquist et al.
Serial No. : 10/034,571
Filing Date : December 27, 2001
For : COOL BURNING GAS
GENERATING MATERIAL FOR
A VEHICLE OCCUPANT
PROTECTION APPARATUS
Group Art Unit : 3641
Examiner : Edward A. Miller
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ELECTION

Sir:

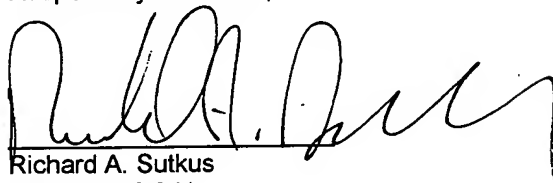
In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2004 the Applicants elect
Species B: Compositions with thermoplastic binders. The species includes an
extruded solid composite gas generating material for use in a vehicle occupant
protection apparatus. The extruded solid composite gas generating material
comprises about 5% to about 20% by weight of the gas generating material, of a
mixture of cellulose acetate butyrate and butyl nitratroethylnitramine; 20%-40%, by
weight of the gas generating material, of an energetic fuel selected from the group
consisting of guanidine nitrate, hexamine cobalt (III) nitrate, and mixtures thereof; and
an amount of oxidizer effective to oxygen balance the gas generating material;

wherein more than 50% by weight of the oxidizer is basic copper nitrate and the oxidizer includes a mixture of sodium nitrate and ammonium perchlorate.

Claims readable on this species include claims 34-37. An examination of claims 34-37 is hereby requested.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in the fees for this amendment to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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